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Philippines*: draft resolution

Social development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development, 1/ in particular commitment 10, and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, 2/ in particular chapter V on implementation and follow-up, in which, inter alia, the Economic and Social Council was invited to review, at its substantive session of 1995, the mandate, agenda and composition of the Commission for Social Development, including considerations of the strengthening of the Commission, taking into account the need for synergy with other related commissions and conference follow-up,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (A/CONF.166/9), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

2/ Ibid., annex II.

Taking note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-fourth session, 3/ at which the World Summit for Social Development was the priority subject,

Taking into account Commission resolution 34/4 and 34/5, including the annexes thereto, concerning the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development, in particular the recommendation that the Commission should have a central role in the follow-up of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action, 4/

1. Takes note of the note by the Secretariat; 5/

2. Decides that the Commission for Social Development should review on a yearly basis the follow-up and implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development in a manner consistent with the functions and contributions of other relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system;

3. Also decides that a strengthened Commission for Social Development, in addition to the functions and terms of reference set out in paragraph 3 of the annex to Commission resolution 34/4, should:

(a) Define a multi-year programme of work up to the year 2000, leading to the contribution of the Commission to the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit;

(b) Review in 1996 the reporting practices to and by the Commission in order to enhance the multi-year programme of work;

4. Reiterates that the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action will require substantial new and additional resources at the national and international levels, as agreed to by the World Summit for Social Development;

5. Decides to enlarge the membership of the Commission for Social Development to fifty-three members, duly elected by the Economic and Social

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3/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 4 (E/1995/24).

4/ Ibid., chap. I, sect. E.

5/ E/1995/102.

Council for a term of three years, bearing in mind the membership of other functional commissions of the Council;

6. Further decides that in accordance with the new terms of reference and mandate of the Commission, it should modify its calendar of meetings in order to hold annual sessions as of 1996;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to make the appropriate arrangements for the session of the Commission in 1996;

8. Requests the General Assembly to give priority consideration to and adopt pertinent decisions on the financial implications of the follow-up to and implementation of the agreements reached by the World Summit for Social Development.